

*Appl. No. 09/909,001**Rule 1.312 Amendment dated May 12, 2004**Case No. 4543 US***Amendments to the Specification:**

As indicated in the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, applicants reiterate request to please replace the title of the instant application with the following amended title:

STRAND DISPLACEMENT METHODS EMPLOYING COMPETITOR
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR ISOLATING ONE STRAND OF A DOUBLE-STRANDED
NUCLEIC ACID